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SUBJECT: LOS - DECEMBER 6-9 GROUP OF FIVE MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 282855; (B) PARIS 34650

1. WE DISCUSSED REF (A) SCENARIO WITH FRENCH
NOVEMBER 23. NO REPEAT NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WERE
ENCOUNTERED. THEIR REACTIONS FOLLOW.

2. AGREE MONDAY MORNING BE DEVOTED TO GENERAL
REVIEW OF 5TH LOS SESSION.

3. AGREE THAT HEADS OF DELEGATION TOGETHER WITH
COMMITTEE I EXPERTS SHOULD FIRST MEET MONDAY AFTER-
NOON--THAT IS BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE COMMITTEE I EXPERTS
MEET INDEPENDENTLY ON TUESDAY. UK HAS MADE SAME
SUGGESTION AS WE DID ON THIS SCORE.

4. AGREE THAT, AFTER THEIR INDEPENDENT MEETING,
COMMITTEE I EXPERTS SHOULD REJOIN HEADS OF DELEGATION
(PREFERABLY ON WEDNESDAY).

5. ALTHOUGH GATHERINGS OF COMMITTEE II AND III
EXPERTS PRESENT NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM FOR FRENCH. THEY
WONDER FROM INDICATED SIZE OF SOME DELEGATIONS--ONLY
FIVE JAPANESE NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED--WHETHER ALL
MEMBERS OF GROUP WILL BE PREPARED FOR INDEPENDENT
EXPERTS WORK ON COMMITTEE II AND III SUBJECTS.

6. BRITISH HAVE SUBMITTED SUGGESTED ITEM 2.5 FOR
COMMITTEE I EXPERTS WHICH IS TITLED "CONSTRAINTS ON
RATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF SEABED RESOURCES," AND ALSO AN
ITEM 2.6, WHICH WOULD BE "REVISION OF REGIME AFTER 25
YEARS," UNLESS, BRITISH ADDED, THIS LATTER ITEM WOULD
DUPLICATE ITEM 2.4 OF ORIGINAL AGENDA (REF B) PROPOSED
BY FRENCH.

7. RE ITEM 2.4 ON ORIGINAL DRAFT AGENDA, ROUX NOTED

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THAT BOTH AMERICANS AND BRITISH HAD QUESTIONED WHAT IT MEANT, HE EXPLAINED IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONNECTED WITH REVISION AFTER 25 YEARS CONCEPT, BUT RATHER AN EFFORT TO DO SOME G-5 CONTINGENCY PLANNING IN CASE PROBLEM OF GETTING G-77 TO ACCEPT PARALLEL SYSTEM PROVES INSURMOUNTABLE.

8. JAPANESE, FOR THEIR PART, HAVE ONLY SUGGESTED THAT NON-NEGOTIABLE LIST (ITEM L FOR FIRST COMMISSION EXPERTS) BE CHANGED TO READ "DISCUSSION ON USEFULNESS AND UTILITY OF ESTABLISHING A NON-NEGOTIABLE LIST

9. MEETING WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND INFORMAL AND NO REPEAT NO INTERPRETERS WILL BE ENGAGED. ALTHOUGH VAST MAJORITY OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE IN ENGLISH, DE LACHARRIERE WILL PROBABLY BE CONSTRAINED TO USE FRENCH AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME. QUAI LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE HOPES THIS WILL PRESENT NO PROBLEM.

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